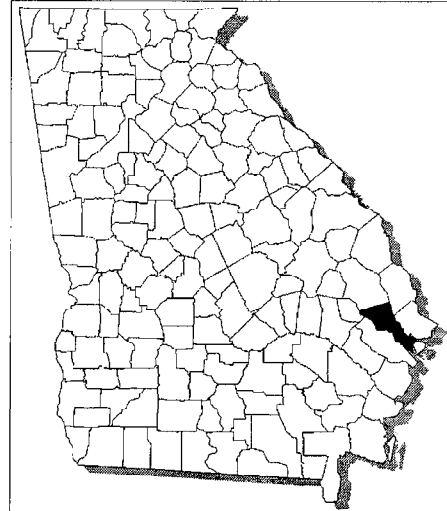


Georgia Economic Profile
City of Richmond Hill
Bryan County

Population		GA	U.S.
	City	County	(millions)
1950		5,965	3.4 151
1960		6,226	3.9 179
1970	826	6,539	4.6 203
1980	1,177	10,175	5.5 227
1990	2,934	15,438	6.5 250
2000	6,959	23,417	8.2 285



Located 240 miles southeast of Atlanta.

Per Capita Income			
	County	GA	U.S.
1970	\$2,149	\$3,373	\$4,047
1980	\$5,422	\$8,353	\$9,940
1985	\$10,722	\$12,864	\$14,155
1990	\$13,015	\$17,123	\$18,666
1993	\$13,924	\$19,656	\$21,233
1994	\$15,502	\$20,723	\$22,186
1995	\$16,073	\$21,696	\$23,059
1996	\$17,602	\$23,586	\$24,651
1997	\$18,480	\$24,594	\$25,924
1998	\$19,976	\$25,839	\$27,203
1999	\$21,314	\$27,324	\$28,546

Education

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS. 7 county public schools with 310 teachers, 5,308 students, and 287 high school graduates in 2001. 2 private schools with 32 students in 2001.

HIGHER EDUCATION. Tech. College: Savannah at Savannah (17 miles) with 3,882 students. Sr. College/Univ: Armstrong Atlantic State University at Savannah (17 miles) with 5,444 students. Brewton-Parker College at Mount Vernon (60 miles) with 1,582 students. Savannah State University at Savannah (17 miles) with 2,166 students.

Health

16 MD's.
 5 dentists.
 Bryan County Health Department operates a branch facility five days a week.
 1 nursing home (65 beds).
 3 medical office complexes.
 1 EMS station.
 1 assisted living retirement complex.
 3 hospitals with 1170 beds, 11 nursing homes with 1264 beds and a State Regional Mental Hospital in Savannah.

Commercial Services

COMMUNICATIONS. Local Newspapers: 2 weeklies: the Bryan County Times and the Richmond Hill/Bryan County News. Dailies delivered: Atlanta Constitution, Savannah Morning News, Savannah Evening Press. 4 TV channels received (cable available in Richmond Hill, Pembroke and most of county).

FINANCIAL FACILITIES. 2 local banks with \$184 million in assets and 2 branch banks with \$622 million in assets.

INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES. All industrial sites in Richmond Hill are within 20 miles of extensive industrial support services at Savannah.

PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS. 25 restaurants (largest capacity 160). 10 motels (800 rooms). Meeting room in motel seats 75.

Municipal Services

FIRE PROTECTION. City fire department has 3 full-time firefighters, 20 volunteer firefighters, 4 fire engines, a 100-foot aerial ladder and a state-certified rescue unit. The county fire department has 11 full-time firefighters and 75 volunteer firefighters. Fire insurance classification is 5 in city and 7/9 in county.

POLICE PROTECTION. Richmond Hill has 18 full-time officers and 1 full-time code enforcement officer. Bryan County Sheriff's Department has 26 full-time officers.

GARBAGE. Service provided by city. Yard trash and recyclables picked up once a week.

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER. One.

ZONING. City and county have zoning ordinance and subdivision design standards.

Recreation

FACILITIES. 4 tennis courts. 3 softball and baseball fields. 2 jogging trails. 1 football field. 1 public gym. 4 fishing piers. 4 boat ramps. (2) 18-hole golf courses with club houses. 2 full-service marinas. Intracoastal waterway & Atlantic Ocean provide water sports and year-round recreation.

PUBLIC LAKE/RIVER. Ogeechee River (local) has swimming, fishing, camping, motor boating, boat ramps, canoeing.

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS. Fort McAllister Historical State Park and Museum, best preserved earthen forts of the Confederacy withstood heavy naval bombardments before falling to Sherman's Union troops in December 1864 and a deciding factor in surrender of Savannah. Fort tours and Civil War Museum annual Civil War Re-enactments (Memorial Day and Labor Day). Re-enactment of siege of Fort McAllister, "The End of Sherman's March to the Sea." Historic Downtown Savannah.

TOURS. Henry Ford Kindergarten Building Museum. Henry Ford Driving Tour (85,000 acres containing 292 residential and commercial buildings, including Ford's winter home, Richmond Hill, for which city is named.

Utilities

ELECTRICITY. A part of Georgia's modern integrated electrical transmission system, Richmond Hill has excellent ability to supply industrial demands. Compared to 47% for the U.S., coal accounts for 84% of fuel used by the state's power generating plants. This assures long-term continuity.

NATURAL GAS. Atlanta Gas Light Company provides gas distribution pipeline service to the Richmond Hill/Bryan County area. Georgia's natural gas industry has been deregulated so, depending on location and usage patterns, companies may have their choice of gas supply from among several gas marketing firms.

WATER. Plant capacity: 1,500,000 gal/day. Consumption: 800,000 gal/day average, Source: 3 deep wells. Pumping capacity: 1645 gal/min.

SEWAGE. Plant Capacity: 1,500,000 gal/day. Plant Load: 800,000 gal/day average. New wetland reclamation treatment facility.

Taxes

PROPERTY. Property taxes are determined by tax rates and assessment ratios which vary by location. The only realistic way to compare property taxes from different locations is to use "effective tax rates" (tax rate multiplied by assessment ratio). Effective tax rates combine city, county, school, and state tax rates into one convenient figure -- the annual tax for each \$1000 of property at its fair market value. This rate applies to all property: land, buildings, machinery, equipment, and inventory.

Property Located	2001 Effective Rate
Within City	\$11.82
Outside City	\$9.66

INVENTORY. Bryan County exempts 100% on all classes of certain business inventory from property taxation.

SALES. City and county have 3% local sales tax in addition to the 4% state sales tax.

Transportation

MOTOR FREIGHT CARRIERS. 1 interstate. 24 inter/intrastate.

RAIL. CSX piggyback service at Savannah (17 miles). CSX rail service at Richmond Hill (local). Norfolk Southern piggyback service at Savannah (17 miles).

WATER. Navigable River: Savannah (9 foot channel depth) with a public barge dock at Savannah (17 miles). Seaport: Savannah (17 miles) with a maintained channel depth of 42 feet.

AIR. Commercial: Savannah (17 miles) service by AirTran, American Eagle, Atlantic Southeast, Continental Express, Delta, United Express, US Airways, US Airways Express. Public: Savannah (17 miles) with a 9,000 foot concrete runway, aircraft tiedown, airframe & power plant repair, hangar, lighted runway, VOR, ILS, NDB, RNAV, TACAN.